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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: ROLLING ELEMENT FOR A
CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE
TRANSMISSION (CVT), A CVT USING THE
ROLLING ELEMENT AND A METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE ROLLING ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: